

IDAHO CONTENT STANDARDS
GRADE 6-9
GEOGRAPHY – WESTERN HEMISPHERE

Standard 1: History

| Goals: | Objective 1 | Objective 2 | Objective 3 | Objective 4 | Objective 5 | Objective 6 | Objective 7 |
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| Goal 1.1: Build an understanding of the cultural and social development of the United States. | No objectives in Geography–Western Hemisphere. | | | | | | |
| Goal 1.2: Trace the role of migration and immigration of people in the development of the United States. | No objectives in Geography–Western Hemisphere. | | | | | | |
| Goal 1.3: Identify the role of American Indians in the development of the United States. | No objectives in Geography–Western Hemisphere. | | | | | | |
| Goal 1.4: Analyze the political, social, and economic responses to industrialization and technological innovations in the development of the United States. | No objectives in Geography–Western Hemisphere. | | | | | | |
| Goal 1.5: Trace the role of exploration and expansion in the development of the United States. | No objectives in Geography–Western Hemisphere. | | | | | | |
| Goal 1.6: Explain the rise of human civilization. | No objectives in Geography–Western Hemisphere. | | | | | | |
| Goal 1.7: Trace how natural resources and technological advances have shaped human civilization. | No objectives in Geography–Western Hemisphere. | | | | | | |
| Goal 1.8: Build an understanding of the cultural and social development of human civilization. | 6-9.GWH.1.8.1 Describe the civilizations of the Western Hemisphere prior to European contact, such as Mesoamerica. | 6-9.GWH.1.8.2 Examine the impact of Europeans on indigenous cultures in the Western Hemisphere. | 6-9.GWH.1.8.3 Compare various approaches to European colonization in the Western Hemisphere. | 6-9.GWH.1.8.4 Recognize historical perspective by identifying the context in which events occurred. | | | |
| Goal 1.9: Identify the role of religion in the development of human civilization. | No objectives in Geography–Western Hemisphere. | | | | | | |

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Standard 2: Geography

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| Goal 2.1: Analyze the spatial organizations of people, places, and environment on the earth’s surface. | 6-9.GWH.2.1.1 Explain and use the components of maps, compare different map projections, and explain the appropriate uses for each. (469.01b) | 6-9.GWH.2.1.2 Apply latitude and longitude to locate places on Earth and describe the uses of locational technology, such as Global Positioning Systems (GPS) and Geographic Information Systems (GIS). | 6-9.GWH.2.1.3 Use mental maps to answer geographic questions and to analyze how they reflect an individual’s attitude toward places. (469.01b) | 6-9.GWH.2.1.4 Analyze visual and mathematical data presented in charts, tables, graphs, maps, and other graphic organizers to assist in interpreting a historical event. (473.01a) | | | |
| Goal 2.2: Explain how human actions modify the physical environment and how physical systems affect human activity and living conditions. | 6-9.GWH.2.2.1 Explain how Earth/sun relationships, ocean currents, and winds influence climate differences on Earth. (469.03f) | 6-9.GWH.2.2.2 Locate and map the climate regions of the Western Hemisphere. Describe the characteristics of each and explain how they differ. | 6-9.GWH.2.2.3 Identify major biomes and explain ways in which the natural environment of places in the Western Hemisphere relates to their climate. (469.03a) | | | | |
| Goal 2.3: Trace the migration and settlement of human populations on the earth’s surface. | 6-9.GWH.2.3.1 Identify the names and locations of countries and major cities in the Western Hemisphere. | 6-9.GWH.2.3.2 Describe major physical characteristics of regions in the Western Hemisphere. | 6-9.GWH.2.3.3 Describe major cultural characteristics of regions in the Western Hemisphere. | | | | |
| Goal 2.4: Analyze the human and physical characteristics of different places and regions. | 6-9.GWH.2.4.1 Identify patterns of population distribution and growth in the Western Hemisphere and explain changes in these patterns, which have occurred over time. (469.04b) | 6-9.GWH.2.4.2 Compare and contrast cultural patterns in the Western Hemisphere, such as language, religion, and ethnicity. (469.04c) | 6-9.GWH.2.4.3 Analyze the locations of the major manufacturing and agricultural regions of the Western Hemisphere. | | | | |
| Goal 2.5: Explain how geography enables people to comprehend the relationships between people, places, and environments over time. | 6-9.GWH.2.5.1 Analyze the distribution of natural resources in the Western Hemisphere. | 6-9.GWH.2.5.2 Analyze and give examples of the consequences of human impact on the physical environment and evaluate ways in which technology influences human capacity to modify the physical environment. (469.05a) | 6-9.GWH.2.5.3 Give examples of how both natural and technological hazards have impacted the physical environment and human populations in specific areas of the Western Hemisphere. (469.05c) | 6-9.GWH.2.5.4 Give examples of how land and water forms, climate, and natural vegetation have influenced historical trends and developments in the Western Hemisphere. (469.06c) | 6-9.GWH.2.5.5 Identify contrasting perspectives of environmental issues that affect the Western Hemisphere. | 6-9.GWH.2.5.6 Explain how human-induced changes in the physical environment in one place cause changes in another place, such as acid rain, air and water pollution, deforestation.) (469.05b) | |

Standard 3: Economics

| Goals: | Objective 1 | Objective 2 | Objective 3 | Objective 4 | Objective 5 | Objective 6 | Objective 7 |
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| Goal 3.1: Explain basic economic concepts. | No objectives in Geography–Western Hemisphere. | | | | | | |
| Goal 3.2: Identify different influences on economic systems. | 6-9.GWH.3.2.1 Describe how different economic systems in the Western Hemisphere answer the basic economic questions on what to produce, how to produce, and for whom to produce. | 6-9.GWH.3.2.2 Compare the standard of living of various countries of the Western Hemisphere today using Gross Domestic Product (GDP) per capita as an indicator. | 6-9.GWH.3.2.3 Analyze current economic issues in the countries of the Western Hemisphere using a variety of information resources. | 6-9.GWH.3.2.4 Identify economic connections between a local community and the countries of the Western Hemisphere. | | | |
| Goal 3.3: Analyze the different types of economic institutions. | No objectives in Geography–Western Hemisphere. | | | | | | |
| Goal 3.4: Explain the concepts of good personal finance. | No objectives in Geography–Western Hemisphere. | | | | | | |

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Standard 4: Civics and Government

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| Goal 4.1: Build an understanding of the foundational principles of the American political system. | No objectives in Geography–Western Hemisphere. | | | | | | |
| Goal 4.2: Build an understanding of the organization and formation of the American system of government. | No objectives in Geography–Western Hemisphere. | | | | | | |
| Goal 4.3: Build an understanding that all people in the United States have rights and assume responsibilities. | No objectives in Geography–Western Hemisphere. | | | | | | |
| Goal 4.4: Build an understanding of the evolution of democracy. | No objectives in Geography–Western Hemisphere. | | | | | | |
| Goal 4.5: Build an understanding of comparative government. | 6-9.GWH.4.5.1 Identify the major forms of government in the Western Hemisphere and compare them with the United States. | | | | | | |

Standard 5: Global Perspectives

| Goals: | Objective 1 | Objective 2 | Objective 3 | Objective 4 | Objective 5 | Objective 6 | Objective 7 |
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| Goal 5.1: Build an understanding of multiple perspectives and global interdependence. | 6-9.GWH.5.1.1 Discuss how social institutions influence behavior in different societies in the Western Hemisphere. | 6-9.GWH.5.1.2 Give examples of how language, literature, and the arts shaped the development and transmission of culture in the Western Hemisphere. | 6-9.GWH.5.1.3 Define ethnocentrism and give examples of how this attitude can lead to cultural misunderstandings. | 6-9.GWH.5.1.4 Discuss present conflicts between cultural groups and nation-states in the Western Hemisphere. | | | |